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contractors that only do a few jobs during the year. We have people that work a full-time job and in the...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...evenings they do remodeling for people. They'll put in a new door, they'll repair a patio, things like that. And the majority of that is labor. And I don't think they're going to go through the trouble to have to go through the process of collecting the tax, which would not be a major problem, but the filing of the tax to the state. I think we will discourage people of doing these little jobs, being a handyman around the community. So I just have a real problem with this at the present time. So thank you very much.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Yes, I support Senator Stuthman's amendment, mostly for two or three different reasons. First of all, I think we're back again that if we work on this LB 759, we might get it to where we can get it by the throat. And by putting some amendments on, something like this, would help a little bit. But one of the things that I wanted to point out is, whenever you put a sales...broaden a sales tax base, such as we're doing by putting on construction material, you're also broadening it for cities and towns, right along with the state of Nebraska. We're not necessarily just talking about state of Nebraska revenue. We're talking about revenue for cities and towns. I think yesterday afternoon we had a lengthy debate on trying to bend some rules so that there were some cities that had way too much money out of the sales tax. And yet, we're trying to put something into the rules here that would put them right back so they would be able to levy a larger sales tax and have more of a sales tax base. I think that isn't the way to go. The next idea...to me, a sales tax, the idea of a sales tax, is to have something where you can export a sales tax base. And whenever you put a sales tax on construction material, or a construction work that's being done on real property that's going to be fastened in Nebraska, defeats that whole purpose. I've not yet seen anybody load up a house in Colorado and bring it over to Nebraska to